

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A test plan has a tree-like structure, which has a top level for identifying the test plan, an intermediate level with test report files, and a lower level with test item files. The test item files have testing steps for performing a test of an item. The top level is used to access the test report files of the test plan, and each test report file is used to access test item files. A template archive is provided that holds complete test plan templates for use as a reference. A selection system enables a user to select a template from the template archive, and then hierarchically select template test report files, and template test item files under each template test report file. A conversion system then converts the hierarchical selection into a corresponding test plan.